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April 25, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair Committee on Appropriations H-307, The Capitol United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$1,400,000 in funding for the Alameda County ALL IN Eats Food Hub in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Alameda County, 1221 Oak Street, Suite 536, Oakland, CA 94612.

The funding would be used to complete the predevelopment work required for the build out of a ground-up food hub construction project at the Crosswinds Church site in Livermore. When complete, the state-of-the art food hub will provide at least six commercial kitchen stations; a minimum of 2,000 square feet of refrigerator and freezer space; ample room to aggregate and process food; and a staging area for a fleet of up to 10 electric, refrigerated vans/box trucks. An additional food hub in Livermore is needed to power a circular food economy that seeks to increase food security, protect the planet, and provide living wage jobs to the formerly incarcerated and other vulnerable populations.

This site is perfectly situated off of the 580 highway, close to many Livermore neighborhoods, and the only opportunity to construct a ground-up facility designed to maximize the scaling of the local food economy which will improve the economic opportunities and food security needs of the area. With the amount of space available on site, there is also an opportunity to envision a market/retail establishment that supports the on-site food vendors and draws customers in to buy their food locally. Additionally, there is approximately 5 acres of space available that would be ideal for an urban farm where more produce can be grown, further highlighting a hyper-local farm-to-fork food system. ALL IN Eats has created a circle that grows the food, cooks the food, delivers the food and recovers the food in order to provide employment for vulnerable

populations and support low-income individuals and families who are food insecure and/or have chronic diseases.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely, Enc Swedendle

> Eric Swalwell Member of Congress